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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR ON
KOREAN QUESTION AT UN

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SUMMARY: SENEGALESE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT UN HAS
PLAYED LEADING ROLE IN TRYING TO REVERSE PRIORITY OF
FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA, SOON TO BE
VOTED UPON BY 30TH UNGA. PREVIOUSLY, WE HAD RECEIVED
ASSURANCES THAT SENEGAL WOULD NOT BACK ANY MOVE THAT WOULD
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BE HOSTILE TO SOUTH KOREA, UNTIL THE FINAL VOTE, WHEN IT

WOULD VOTE FOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION. RECENT EVENTS SHOW SENEGALESE PERMREP IN NEW YORK IS NOT ACTING IN ACCORD WITH THIS ASSURANCE. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR (NOW IN PARIS EN ROUTE TO MONTH-LONG TRIP IN MIDEAST) TO REEMPHASIZE US CONCERN ON KOREAN QUESTION AND TO ASK FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN PUTTING AN END TO SENEGAL'S UNHELPFUL ACTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. DEBATE ON KOREAN QUESTION OPENED IN FIRST COMMITTEE OF UNGA ON OCTOBER 21. SENEGAL PERMREP FALL SPOKE IN FAVOR

OF ALGERIAN INITIATIVE TO REVERSE PRIORITY OF HOSTILE AND FRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA (FYI: OUR RESOLUTION WAS SUBMITTED EARLIER AND UNDER THE RULES SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY. END FYI). FALL ARGUED THAT AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY FRENCH SUBSTANTIVELY CHANGED THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION, AND THAT RESOLUTION SHOULD NOW BE ASSIGNED PRIORITY ACCORDING TO DATE OF THE SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS. THIS IS CONTRARY TO STANDARD UNGA PROCEDURE. IN ADDITION, FALL SUPPORTED ALGERIAN CONTENTION THAT FRENCH AMENDMENTS BE PUT TO A VOTE BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED; AGAIN, THIS IS CONTRARY TO STANDARD UN PRACTICE.

2. THESE EXTREMELY UNHELPFUL ACTIONS BY SENEGAL RUN COUNTER TO ASSURANCES GIVEN EMBASSY DAKAR BY THE GOS THAT, ALTHOUGH SENEGAL WOULD VOTE FOR THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION OF WHICH IT IS A SPONSOR, IT WOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION HOSTILE TO SOUTH KOREA. THIS WAS EXPRESSED IN LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER SECK TO AMBASSADOR AGGREY DATED OCTOBER 10 (REF B). TO DATE, GOS HAS MAINTAINED THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING HAS NOT BEEN EXCEEDED BY FALL. HOWEVER, DEPT FEELS THAT FALL'S MOST RECENT MANEUVERINGS DEMONSTRATE OUTRIGHT OPPOSITION TO SOUTH KOREA, CONTRARY TO SECK'S ASSURANCES.

3. SENGHOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER SECK NOW IN PARIS EN ROUTE TO MIDEAST FOR MONTH-LONG TOUR. WE CALLED IN SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR TO US, ANDRE COULBARY, ON OCT. 24 TO EXPRESS OUR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH FALL'S MACHINATIONS. COULBARY, WHILE PERSONALLY AGREEING WITH OUR VIEWS, SAID
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THAT ONLY SENGHOR, OR POSSIBLY SECK, COULD ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS THAT WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY FALL IN NEW YORK. THUS, AMBASSADOR OR DCM SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT TO BRING MATTER TO SENGHOR'S ATTENTION, AND REQUEST HIM TO CHECK FALL'S OBSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES, SO PATENTLY HOSTILE TO SOUTH KOREA. (CONSIDERING RESPECTIVE FRENCH AND SENEGALESE SENSITIVITIES AROUSED BY THE ORSINI AFFAIR, THE APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE SOUGHT AND CONDUCTED AS DISCREETLY AS

POSSIBLE).

4. SUGGEST APPROACH ON FOLLOWING LINE:

-- AS FAR AS US IS CONCERNED, KOREAN ITEM IS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE ON THE UNGA AGENDA THIS YEAR.

-- THE RESOLUTION BACKED BY THE US (THE "FRIENDLY" RESOLUTION) NOT ONLY OFFERS A RESPONSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA, BUT FOLLOWS THE MANDATE OF THE 1953 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND THE 1973 UNGA CONSENSUS RESOLUTION ON KOREA.

-- THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION DOES NEITHER OF THESE: IT EXCLUDES THE ROK FROM ANY DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE PENINSULA, AND CALLS FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL US TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA. THESE US UNITS ARE IN KOREA UNDER A BILATERAL US-ROK AGREEMENT.

-- THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER INSTABILITY ON THE PENINSULA, AND BLATANTLY IGNORES THE INTERESTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

-- THE GOVERNMENT OF SENEGAL HAS INDICATED TO US THAT ASIDE FROM VOTING FOR THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND AGAINST US, IT WOULD NOT BE OPENLY HOSTILE TO SOUTH KOREA'S INTERESTS.

-- SENEGALESE PERMREP FALL'S RECENT ACTIONS IN FIRST COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES RUN COUNTER TO THIS ASSURANCE.

-- FURTHER ACTIVITY ALONG THIS LINE BY FALL CANNOT HELP
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BUT DAMAGE THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SENEGAL AND THE US, WHICH HAS BEEN EXCELLENT.

5. FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND ON US POSITION ON KOREA, REFER TO REF (C) OR TO AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S SPEECH IN COMMITTEE I OF OCT. 24, CARRIED OVER USIS WIRELESS FILE.

6. PLEASE REPORT IMMEDIATELY THE RESULTS OF ANY MEETING WITH SENGHOR. KISSINGER

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